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Prof. Dr. Asa Gray Cambridge

My dear Sir,

I forwarded this day by mail a small parcel of seeds of the Big trees. In a few days I will send you some more especially some seeds of that little new Cypress from the big trees. I have completed now the Compositae, Ranunculaceae, Cariceae Liliaceae & Coniferae and will try to send them with the next Steamer by way of the Smithsonian. You would oblige me very much indeed if you could let us have the names of the compositae as soon as convenient to you in order to